

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 25 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicant's representative notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 5-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To this end, independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to comport with the Examiner's indication, and it is now believed that independent claims 1 and 25 and associated dependent claims are in condition for allowance. Further, claims 6-7 have been amended herein to cure minor informalities, and claim 5 has been cancelled. A version of all pending claims is presented on pages 2-5 of this Reply.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4 and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Goodman, *et al.* (US 2004/0260922). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reason. Independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to incorporate features deemed allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claim 3 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman, *et al.* (US 2004/0260922) in view of Berger, *et al.* (US 6,304,841). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Claim 3 depends from independent claim 1 that has been amended to include aspects deemed allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP537US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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